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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
15 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
16 **WESTERN DIVISION**

17 **ESVIN FERNANDO ARREDONDO**
18 **RODRIGUEZ INDIVIDUALLY AND**
19 **A.F.A.J., A MINOR, BY HER GUARDIAN**
AD LITEM, JEFFREY HAMILTON

20 Plaintiffs,

21 vs.

22 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

23 Defendant.
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Case No. CV 22-02845-JLS-AFM

PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN AD LITEM

25 PETITIONER A.F.A.J., by and through her father Esvin Fernando Arredondo
26 Rodriguez, and third-party Jeffrey (“Jeff”) Hamilton respectfully submits this Petition
27 for appointment of a guardian ad litem pursuant to Rule 17(c)(2) of the Federal Rules
28 of Civil Procedure:

1. Petitioner, born on April 3, 2006, is a minor over the age of 14.
2. Petitioner is the daughter of Esvin Fernando Arredondo Rodriguez who has custody of petitioner.
3. Jeff Hamilton has been a friend of the Arredondo family since 2018 and is a volunteer with the Southern California Catholic Task Force on Immigration. He is a retired banker who is also fully accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice to represent immigrants in the immigration court system. His C.V. is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
4. Petitioner and her father are residents of the State of California and the County of Los Angeles. Jeff Hamilton resides in Orange County.
5. The minor petitioner resides with her parents but has no appointed guardian or duly appointed representative.
6. The minor petitioner has claims against the above-named defendants on which a suit has been brought in this court. The claims arise under the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671–2680.
7. Jeff Hamilton is able and willing to serve as guardian ad litem of the minor petitioner. He has no interests adverse to that of the minor petitioner, has no financial or business relationship with any party to the case, and is fully competent and responsible to act as guardian ad litem in the prosecution of the action for A.F.A.J.
8. Petitioner and petitioner's parents consent to the appointment of Jeff Hamilton as guardian ad litem.
9. Pursuant to Local Rule 7-3, counsel for Plaintiffs contacted counsel for Defendant regarding this Petition. Defendant does not oppose this Petition.

1 THEREFORE, A.F.A.J. respectfully requests that Jeff Hamilton be appointed
2 guardian ad litem for A.F.A.J. for the purpose of prosecuting petitioner's claims
3 against the above-named Defendant.

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5 Respectfully Submitted,

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7 Dated: December 19, 2022

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VERIFICATION

I, Jeff Hamilton, am a friend of the Arredondo Rodriguez family and a volunteer with the Southern California Catholic Task Force on Immigration. I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof. I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof. Said petition is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are presented on an information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: December 17, 2022

By: 

Jeff Hamilton

CONSENT TO ACT AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM

I consent to the appointment as guardian ad litem of A.F.A.J. under the above Petition.

Dated: December 17, 2022

By: 

Jeff Hamilton